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パンツ型使い捨ておむつ

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#### 1、 契明の名称

パンツ望低い換ておむつ

## 2、特許野菜の短月

- 1. 額の超過性の製面シートと窓位不超過性の磁面 シートの同に吸収なおよび貼ギャザーを形成する **伸頭切住体が足回されたパンツ砂使い指てあむつ** において、効比級面シート、窓面シート、吸収体 からなるおむつな体のほ方向両站部に、観水等 シートに伸四型性体を張設したウェストバンドを 因えたことを特定とするパンツ型便い役でおむつ。
- 2. 酸水柱シートからなるのエストパンドが伸照性 不包布である国出項1品度のパンツ学使い捨てお むつ。
- 3. 顧永性シートからなるクエストパンドが、伸駆 性不悶布を伸張状態にして他の不悶布、退温性 フィルムと貼合したものである国求項12皮のパ ンツ型使いねておなつ。
- 4. 政水性シートからなるウエストバンドの厨周囲 方向に迅級された伸閉刃性なが、初弦なで月つ町

記改函本の伊密列各位のうちの題因函図寄りに位 **買する少なくとも1なが、胎ギャザーを形成する** 伊 訂 辺 性 体 と 丁 字 状 乂 は 十 字 状 を 形 根 す る よ う に 近接あるいは交叉して設けられている讃求項1. 2又は3足皮のパンツ兇密い路ておむつ。

- 5. 吸収位の因方向両時郎近例で接する気面シート よに、伸翹刃徐位を設けた辺求項1配収のパンツ 単便い捨ておむつ。
- 6. 衰面シートの以方向與見フラップ邸に、図ぶ住 不問布が辺距されている顕求項1記録のパンツ型 使い始ておむつ。
- 7. 製面シートの以方向両側フラップ郎に、前足数 節シートとは別体の理及の遊水往シートを避殺し、 フラップ婚姻婦はご面シートに関切され、一方、 吸収体質は収置シートの上に延出されて、その一 節に毎恩発性体が取付けられ、且つ放配性氏の直 水性シートの吸収体飼に延出された部分の少なく とも趾局函数奴は役面シートの上面と回風される ように、咫良の斑水性シートと幻面シートが母方 向股局包を投む両周留分で関切されている割求項

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1 記憶のパンツ型硬い拾てあむつ。

# 3. 既明の詳問な規則

### [海及上の利用分段]

本理別は仲略性と通気性を有し、凡つ位型に ソイットして、はさ心域の良いパンツ型便い始て おむつに限する。

#### [従来の技術]

世典パンツ即に形成された使い格でおむつは知られている。

パンツ 型使い捨ておむつは、 資通の便い捨ておむつは、 資通の便い捨ておむのは、 資通の便い捨ておいるのです。 ののでは、 女人の失 発用、 強人用などにも使用される。

関えば、特別的53-19246月公姓には、健い許ての下はごを形成するのに通した健康性のある不知所以の一体健康品の想所方法が認されていまた、特別的57-77304月公母にはフェストが問題され、ウェスト 過回的から同口をひびる に合助は もっこと なく 切り ひん のののしめ ブリーフ 及びロール 状の 取画シー

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ツ 材に 延伸状 尾で 辺 級 した 辺 住 郡 材 を 権 料 す る 工程、 吸 固 性 の 当 て 作 を 付 設 す る 工程、 表 而 シ ー トを そ の 上 に 政 ね る 工程 と 関 口 郎 ぞ 形 成 し て 長 手 口 は に 治 っ て 折 り 図 ね て 、 母 別 の ブ リ ー フ に 宿 石 、 切 断 す る ブ リ ー フ の 母 童 方 法 が 図 示 さ れ て い る。

# [ 死明がは決しようとする四題 ]

しかしながら、従来のパンツ引使い捨ておむつ は、普通の使い捨ておむつのように、前級の側路 郎を閉鎖するための止むテーブが行政されてあっ

**兇を切て本見明を元母するに至った。** 

# [銀頭を以供するための手段]

本発明は前記額水性シートからなるウエストパンドが、伸随性不断布を伸張状態にして他の 不知布、強温性フィルムと貼合したものである前記パシツ型便い捨ておむつである。

本兄明は形記録水性シートからなるシエストバンドの扉房囲方向に伸張状態で抵容された伊慰界 住体が、私図本で月つ前記句度本の伊密列後位の

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うちの股間部関合りに位置する少なくとも1本が、 脱ギャザーを形成する神経弾性はと下字状又は十 字状を形成するように近接めるいは交又して思け られている制記パンツ型便い捨ておむつである。

本発明は前記吸収体の収方向前端部近例で指する関語シート上に、 仲級型性体を設けた前記パンツ型使い捨ておむつである。

本発明は前記表面シートの機方向面側部フラップ部に、 顔水性不概布が連盟されている前記パンツ型便い約でおむつである。

るように近接めるいは交叉して設けられる点に特 世がある。

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このほか本発明のパンツ型使い捨ておむつにおいては、 段ギャザーによる大腿部の縛付け補助として、 ウエストパンドの神解弾性体の酸を振らし、その代わりに 吸収体の模方向 両隔部 近所の 裏面シートと接する部分に、 裏面シート上に神物弾性 はを設けることができる。

以下本発明の異成について説明する。

本発明でいうパンツ型使い捨ておむつとは、使い捨ておむつから昏進のパンツに移行するまでの 切児用及びおとな用の失業防止、病人などに用い られるパンツが使い捨ておむつを魅察する。

このようなウエストパンドは、前記例示の先行 技術を含めて促来見られないものである。

また、本発明のパンツ型便い捨ておむつは、 ク エストパンドの複数の神磁弾性体のうちの股間部 関密りに位置する少なくとも1本が設ギャザーを 形成する神略弾性体と下字状又は十字状を形成す

また、安面シートの関係フラップ部に収扱の配 水性不販布を遅設させることができる。

## [英雄例]

以下本発明の実施例を示す。

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関ギャゲー用が炒到金位5、下田には2回路日及で大型四周用ギャザー以用の日本ならがそれでは、まけられている。そしてウエストバンドWの両では2007としてバンツ型にしている。また、2000年に出る日本では2000年に出るのかに配ギャザー用の砂型をなるがの回に出けられている。

第1 関の完成されたパンツ型配い 持ておむつの 窓岡平面圏が昇2圏で、發西シート1の下方を切 欠いて内間が見えるようにしている。

おむつな色の弦画シート 1 と回画シート 2 の間には、 20 ボャザー用となる神色知性体は、 16 は 17 では、 20 で

このようにすることにより、同凡囲はウェスト

水は今日布取いはウレタン口扇などからなる伊慰住不回布又は伊恕住不回布を伊設状局で一段の不口布と路合した西水位シートを用いることができる。また、西水住不四布の同にクレタン不同布などの伊辺住不回布を伊盟状態で貼口してもよい。

ウエストバンドは郊3 図のように二つ折(郊5 図に図念図を示す)にしてもよいし、郊6 図のように町水住シート 2 収を伸回列住位 5 . 6 を収んて込む合せてもよい。

34 節は32 2 図の B - B 心 図 分 紅 大 駅 面 図 を 示し、 気 に 伸 随 列 性 位 4 。 4 の 位 回 を 示した もの で

仲悶烈住はは関では、森坎ゴムを用いているが、

バンドWの伸送到性はち、ちにより充分にフィットし、配別門と大周囲閉節ギャザーな用の伸延犯性なら、6は脱ギャザー用伸縮到性は4、4でカバーし切れない部分をフィットさせる効果がある。

本発明は伸移到性位 5 . 5 と 6 . 6 及び 4 . 4 の相反効果により胚周期から大四郎、股回郎にかけて身体に帰理なくフィットし、包 る時は足を沿し易く、 む用中の ズレ符 5 を防止し、 殷ぐ回も 数にできる特 丘がある。

また、クエストパンドは図水性不均布などの砂水性で通気性の系材を用いるため、おむつ内がムンない上、上配仲間型性なが伸張状態で設けられているため、伸踏性にすぐれ、体型の大小を問わすよくフィットすると共にその伸随性からはかせ

望に親水性の製面シート1とウエストバンドWの酸水性シートを貼合した部分は、製面シートから恐れる排泄物のおみによる恐れを防止する効果がある。

ツェストバンドは魚可望性合成昭雄からなる藤

実然ゴム、合成ゴム、ウレタンゴム等の糸状、平 型の伸縮型性体を、形状を関わず用いることがで、 BA

第1回、第2回に示したパンツ型便い拾ておむ つの図透方法の一例を第7回により説明する。

ロール状の忽位不超過性の配面シート 2 を引出して、迎放的に破収体 3 及び伸陽到性体 4 ・ 4 を限むし、次いで忽於延知性の銀面シート 1 を抱むした役、上下から伸跑到性体 5 ・ 6 が接到された 図水性シート 8 ・ 8 をそれぞれこつ折りしながら、 2 ではシート 1 及び回面シート 2 に接望し、 ウェストバンドW とする。

このおと第8A曽に示すように、 題団郎の 高明の 脚を入れる部分をダイカッターで 過級的に の 数くが、 おむつの前数が対称形で ある 20 合と 30 で の はの 30 で で なっかい で 、 所 望の 形状に ダイカットして 17 けばよい。

ダイカットと同時に、二つ折りしてヒートシー

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ル、両面接得テープ又は磨留用等により飛回した 昭和即7の切断回9より切断して到8日時に洗す 本免明のパンツ型便い捨ておむつの充成品が好ら れる。

到7 関〜第8 A 図、 第8 B 図に示した 本発明の パンツ型使い格でおむつの 図道ラインは、 通常の おむつのほ方向に恐れるラインと 異なり、 切方向 に恐れるため次のようなメリットがある。

第17回は別16回の8-日辺四分拡大断面関で、

沙色口の吸収住点気型 11を尽く中部にして、内国にお吸収性な状況を配置した例を示す。

本発明で用いられる高級水性の状治は、過常知られる高吸水性ポリマー双子四独配いはこれに活性関、カルボキシメチルセルロース、セオライトなどを退合した複状物を用いる。

本発明の他の妥協例を第12図、313図に示す。 3112図は砂時計型の吸収体3を用い、その選方向 両端型近例で接する団面シート2の上面に伸送到 性体13、13を設けた本発明の別の交脳例を示すー 即欠を平面図で、第13図は第12図のA-A 回路 分拡大右側断面関である。

このようにウエストバンドの国路圏と大四部間 田 涼用の伊啓列後位の代りに、 盛収位3の四方向 河田 近くの扇面シート 2 上に伊啓列後位13、13を 以けることにより、 般ギャザー用の伊영列 性 位4 、 4 と共に 国局 間の下 図町 分と 大 図 部 間 間 に ひょっトし、 紅れ 町止、 おむつの ズレ 騒 ち 防止 な ど に 効 思 が ある。

第14回は、おむつ本体の長面シート1の口方向

酸水性不図布14の両性図は高面シート2に接口され、吸収性例に延出された部分は伸過状態でシート 15をひき込み、設面シート 1 から回間されて、ギャザー立上り図18を形成している。図18図は図16関のC - C 値図分拡の面図で、ギャザー立上り図16は短方向の船局図を投びるのののののでは図りてボック。

また、銀水性の表面シート1の以方向面口に的 記ギャザー立上り即16を含む回水性不倒布14が接

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## [発明の効果]

本発明は下記のような効果が得られる。

(イ)おむつ本体の展方向両編部に、別体の通気性 素材からなるウエストバンドを個えているため、 者用両通気性がよく、ムレがない。

上に伸縮弾性体を設けることにより数ギャザー用の伸縮弾性体と共に盟の下の部分と大腿部所 囲にフィットし、強れ防止、おむつのズレ喀ち 防止などの効果がある。

- (水) 表面シートの観方向両関フラップ部に頭水性 シートを接射、選級することにより、悪水性の 表面シートと疎水性シートの接点で表面シート からの排泄物のにじみによる強れを筋止するこ とができる。

(ロ)製水性の表面シートの収方向函数型に酸水性シートからなるクエストパンドを貼着、連起した部分で表面シートからの排泄物のにじみによる面れを防止する効果がある。

また、おむつを破方向に走行させて製造できるため、吸収体の設問部を中海にして吸収能力を切加させることも可能である。

(ニ)ウエストパンドの下郎の卵稲弾性体の代りに、 吸収体の収方向凶な部近くで指する協面シート

> トに収納されるため、 挤泄物が直接肌に展触せ ず、不快感がないという効果が得られる。

また、親水性の表面シートの複方向資色に蘇水性シートが接着、通過されているので、表面シートから吸収体に吸収した複状排泄物の遅れを切立いは表面シートから溢れた排泄物の遅れを防止する効果を有する。

本発明のパンツ型使い捨ておむつは、上記のように伸縮性と通気性を有し、且つ体型にフィット して、はさ心地が良く、智限もし易い、すぐれた 性能を有するパンツ型使い捨ておむつである。

## 4. 図面の簡単な説明

第1 図は、本発明のパンツ製使い格でものの 完成品の実施例を示す解例図、第2 図のは第2 図の A - A は 関語の の実施例を示す解例図の A - A は 関語の の表には第2 図の A - A は 関語の が表に、第3 図は第2 図のの B - B は 配が分析 大新面図、第3 図は第3 2 図のの B - B は 配が分析 大新面図、第3 6 図は第5 図の別の別を示すのの 第7 図、第8 B B 図は本発明のの 第7 図のの 第7 のの 第7 のの 第7 のの 第8 でのの 第8 での 第

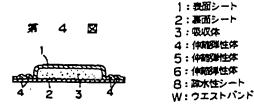
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9 囲は高盛収性粒状物理を吸収体内部に促ける一 例を示す料規助、第10回は、超吸収性粒状物の放 布及さを示す風房平面圏、第11回は吸収体の中央 部を中路にした斜視閉、第12回は伸縮弾性体の設 取位置の支援所を示すパンツ型使い始ておむつの 一郎切欠き展開平面圏、第13回は第12명のB~B 韓郎分拡大断面図、第14回は本発明の他の実路例 を示す一郎切欠き屈肩平面図、第15周は第14図の A - B 糖 部分拡大新面図、 第16図は本発明の他の 支統例を示す一部切欠き展開平面遺、第17回は第 16因のB-B類部分拡大断面間、第18回は第16回 のC-C韓部分拡大断面図である。

1 … 表面シート、 2 … 背面シート、 3 … 吸収体、 4.5、6…伸右弹性体、7…按书印、8… 疏水 性シート、9…切断線、10…ダイカット部、 11… 吸収性繊維層、12… 吸収性シート、13… 伸絡 弹性体、14… 如水性不履布、15… 伸箱弹性体、 16… ギャザー立上り部、17… ギャザー接着部、 18…ポケット。

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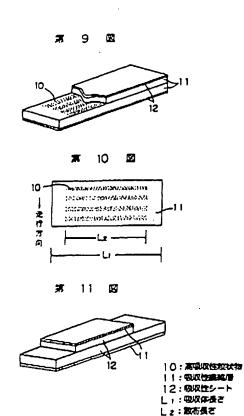


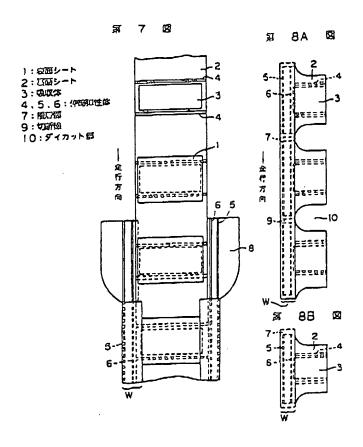
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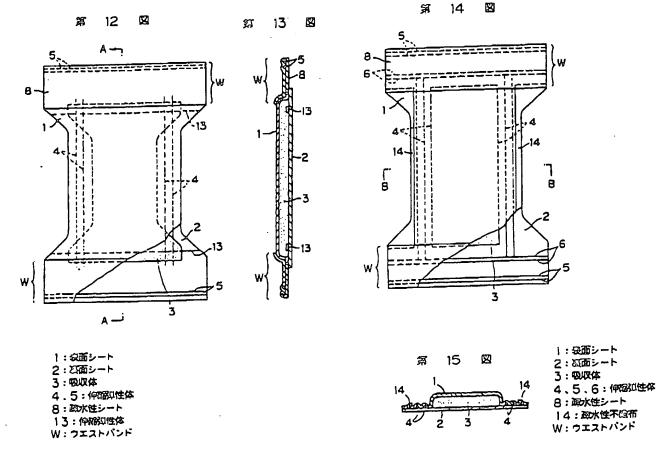
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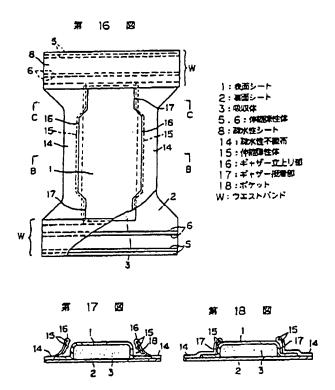
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1 図









# Japanese Patent Kokai No. 205053/91

#### SPECIFICATION



- Title of the invention:
  - A panty type throw-away diaper

#### Z. Claime:

- 1. A panty type throw-away diaper comprising a liquid permeable front sheet, a liquid impermeable back sheet, and an absorbing body and an expandable elastic body which forms crotch gather each arranged between said front and back sheets characterized by that at the longitudinal opposite ends of the diaper body comprising said front sheet, back sheet and absorbing body, there are provided waist bands each formed by a hydrophobic sheet and an expandable elastic body attached under tension to said hydrophobic sheet.
- 2. A diaper as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said waist band comprising said hydrophobic sheet is an expandable non-woven fabric.
- 3. A diaper as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said waist band comprising said hydrophobic sheet is formed by an expandable non-woven fabric and other non-woven fabric or moisture permeable film affixed to said expandable non-woven fabric under its expanded condition.

- 4. A diaper as claimed in any one of Claims 1-3 wherein a plurality of said expandable elastic bodies are attached under tension in the peripheral direction of the waist, and among these expandable elastic bodies at least the one positioned closer to the crotch portion is arranged in close proximity to or across said expandable elastic body which forms crotch gather so as to form T-shaped configuration or a cross with the latter expandable elastic body.
- 5. A diaper as claimed in Claim 1 wherein expandable elastic bodies are provided on said back sheet at the places where the portions of the absorbing body close to its opposite longitudinal end portions contact.
- 6. A disper as claimed in Claim 1 wherein hydrophobic non-woven fabrics are provided on the lateral opposite side flap portions of said front sheet in continuation therefrom.
- 7. A diaper as claimed in Claim 1 wherein separate longitudinally alongate hydrophobic sheets are provided on the lateral opposite side flap portions of said front sheet in continuation therefrom, the sides of said hydrophobic sheets closer to the side portions of said flaps are fixed to said back sheet whereas the sides of said hydrophobic sheets closer to said absorbing body are extended over the front sheet. an expandable elastic body is attached to portion of said

extended portion, and said longitudinally elongate hydrophobic sheets and said front sheet are joined together in the opposite sides of the longitudinal crotch portion in such a way that said portions of said longitudinally elongate hydrophobic sheets as extended toward the absorbing body are separated from the upper surface of the front sheet at least in said crotch portion.

# Detailed explanation of the invantion: (Field of art)

The present invention relates to a panty type throw-away diaper having an expandability and an air permeability and is comfortable to wear with good fitting to the figure.

#### (Prior art)

The panty type throw-away dispers have been previously known.

The panty type throw-sway diapers are used in the transition period from the use of usual throw-sway diapers to the use of repeatedly washable and wearable underpants and also for sick persons or the incontinence of adults.

In Japanese Patent Kokai No. 19246/78, there is proposed a method of cutting one piece non-woven expandable fabric suitable for forming throw-away underpants. In Japanese Patent Kokai No. 77304/82, there is disclosed a method of producing a throw-away diaper brief having an elastic member in the waist portion and of which connecting

portions extending from the opposite side portions of the usist portion to the opening portions being closed without being overlapped. There is disclosed therein also a method of producing such brief comprising a step of adhering expanded continuous elastic member to a back sheet, a step of afflixing a pad, a step of placing thereon a front sheet and a step of forming openings, folding along a longitudinal axis, fusing and cutting into individual briefs.

Furthermore. In Japanese Patent Kokai No. 207605/86 there is proposed a throw-away panty comprising expandable means around the waist opening and the lag openings and an outer cover formed by an inner layer of liquid impermeable plastic material and an outer layer of non-woven fiber material. Still further, in Japanese Patent Kokai No. 21802/87, there is disclosed a throw-away absorptive panty in which the panty body is folded back about the crotch portion and the opposite side edges are joined together, the crotch portion of an absorptive core is formed narrower and expandable members of a waist band and of a pair of lag holes are adhered under expanded condition.

(The problems to be solved by the invention)

The conventional panty type throw-away diapers have drawbacks that the air permeability is low and inside the panty is stuffy which together with the excrements presents uncomfortableness to wearers when securing tapes are provided to close the front and back side edges or when the side edges are joined together by means of an adhesive.

furthermore, though the expandable members are provided in the waist band, femur portion and crotch portion for the better fitting to the figure, there has been proposed no panty type throw-away diaper prevented from leakage of the excrements and having good fitness to the body as well as easiness of putting-on/off.

The present invention was made in order to sliminate the above described problems of the prior arts and it is an object of the present invention to provide at low cost a panty type throw-away diaper eliminating the need for securing tapes, having an improved air permeability, enough expandability providing good fitness to the figure and good wearing comfortableness and easiness of putting-on/off.

The inventors of this application devoted deep study on said problems of the prior arts and eventually completed the present invention upon finding that said problems are overcome by forming the waist band by attaching an expandable elastic body to a separate sheet of a different material and providing such sheets at the longitudinal opposite ends of the diaper body contrary to the conventional diaper in which the waist band was formed by providing expandable elastic bodies at the longitudinal opposite ands of the diaper body.

(Measure to solve the problem)

According to the present invention there is provided a panty type throw-away disper comprising a liquid permeable front sheet, a liquid impermeable back sheet, and

an absorbing body and an expandable elastic body which forms crotch gather each arranged between said front and back sheets characterized by that at the longitudinal opposite ends of the diaper body comprising said front sheet, back sheet and absorbing body, there are provided waist bands each formed by a hydrophobic sheet and an expandable elastic body attached under tension to said hydrophobic sheet.

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fabric and other non-woven fabric or moisture permeable
film affined to said expandable non-woven fabric under its
expanded condition.

The present invention provides a panty type throwaway diaper in which a plurality of said expandable elastic
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bodies at least the one positioned closer to the crotch
portion is arranged in close proximity to or acrose said
expandable elastic body which forms crotch gather so as to
form T-shaped configuration or a cross with the latter
expandable elastic body.

The present invention provides a panty type throwaway diaper in which expandable slastic bodies are provided accommodating the incontinences of infants and adults or for sick persons.

In the present invention, the term "waist bands" refers to air permeable hydrophobic sheets separate from the diaper body consisting of a three-leyered laminate comprising a front sheet, an absorbing body and a back sheet and attached to the longitudinal opposite ends (opposite ends in the direction passing through the abdominal portion, crotch portion and waist portion) of said diaper body (refer to the member w in Fig. 1), contrary to the waist band which is formed by attaching under tension expandable elastic bodies to the longitudinal opposite ends of the diaper body as was conventionally usual.

Such waist bend has not been proposed by any prior art including those quoted above.

The panty type throw-away diaper is characterized by that among a plurality of expandable elastic bodies of the waist band at least the one positioned closer to the crotch portion is arranged in close proximity to or across said expandable elastic body which forms crotch gather so as to form T-shaped configuration or a cross with the latter expandable elastic body.

In the conventional panty type throw-away diapers, the crotch gathers are mostly formed, as seen in the above quoted prior arts, by providing expandable elastic bodies around the openings through which legs are passed or inserted and these expandable elastic bodies are arranged

in parallel with the expandable elastic body of the waist band portion. Furthermore, there has been also proposed a diaper in which the expandable elastic bodies are provided at the opposite sides of the crotch portion. Though such expandable elastic bodies are erranged at right angles to the expandable elastic body of the waist band, they are short and their opposite ends are considerably spaced apart from the expandable elastic body of the waist band so that the construction of such conventional diaper is different from that of the present invention in that both of the expandable elastic bodies are largely spaced apart in the former. Conventionally, there has been also proposed a panty type throw-away diaper in which a curved expandable elastic body is provided from the femur portion to the abdominal portion.

In the panty type throw-away diaper according to the present inventon, as an auxiliary means for tightening the femur portion, it is possible to decrease the number of the expandable elastic bodies of the waist portions and to provide, instead thereof, expandable elastic bodies on the back sheet at the places where the portions of the absorbing body close to its longitudinal opposite end portions contact.

Furthermore it is possible to provide longitudinally elongate hydrophobic non-woven fabrics on the lateral opposite side flap portions of the front sheet in continuation therefrom.

Still further, it is possible to provide separate

longitudinally elongate hydrophobic sheets on the lateral opposite side flap portions of said front sheet in continuation therefrom, to fix the sides of said hydrophobic sheets closer to the side portions of said flaps to said back sheet and to extend the remaining portions over the front sheet toward the absorbing body sides, and to join together said longitudinally elongate hydrophobic sheets and raid front sheat in the opposite sides of the longitudinal crotch portion in such a way that said longitudinally elongate hydrophobic sheets are separated from the upper surface of the front sheet at least in the crotch portion. The hydrophobic sheet may be joined to the front sheet in other portions than the longitudinal crotch portion or in parts in the opposite portions between which the longitudinal crotch portion is positioned.

#### (Embodiments)

An embodiment of the present invention will now be described.

panty type throw-away diaper according to the present invention. Waist bands <u>w</u> which are separate or independent from a diaper body consisting of a front sheet 1 which contacts with human body. a built-in absorbing body 3 and a back sheet 2 and constituting a characteristic feature of the present invention are secured to the longitudinal opposite ends of the diaper body. An expandable elastic body 5 for waist gather is provided along the upper waist

portion of the waist band w and another expandable elastic body 6 for gether for the waist and femur portions is provided in the lower portion. The opposite sides of the waist bands w are formed as joining portions 7 to form a panty or drawer. Inside the lateral opposite end portions of the front and back sheets 1 and 2 contacting with the periphery of the femur region, there are provided expandable clastic bodies 4 for gather.

Fig. 2 is a developed plan view of the completed panty type throw-away disper of Fig. 1 having its lower portion being broken away to show the inside.

The expandable elastic bodies 4. 4 for forming crotch gathers are adhered in the expanded condition between the front and back sheets 1 and 2. Contrary to the conventional panty type throw-away diapers, the opposite ends of the elastic bodies 8. 4 are extended to and form T-configuration with the expandable elastic bodies 6. 6 of the waist bands W. W closer to the absorbing body 3 which form gathers around the waist and femur regions. The elastic bodies 4. 4 may be arranged in close proximity to the inside one of the elastic bodies 6. 6 or may extend across it in the cross configuration.

With this arrangement, the waist portion fits well by the expandable elastic bodies 5, 5 of the waist bands W and the expandable elastic bodies 6, 6 for the gather around the waist and femur regions are effective to impart sitness to the portions which are not given fitness by the crotch gather elastic body 4, 4.

With the combined offects of the elastic bodies 5.5. 6.6 and 4.4, there are brought about advantages that the diaper of the present invention naturally fits to the human body in the region extending from the waist region to femur and crotch regions, that the legs can be easily passed through the diaper when it is worn, that the slipping down of the diaper during it is worn is prevented and that the diaper can be easily taken off when it is removed.

Purthermore, inside of the diaper does not become stuffy because hydrophobic and air permeable material such as a hydrophobic non-woven fabric is used for the waist band, the expandability is superior because the expandable elastic bodies are attached under expanded condition, the fitness is superior regardless of the sized of the human bodies and the diaper can be sorn easily because of its expandability.

Furthermore, the joining portions between the hydrophilic front sheet I and the hydrophobic sheet of the waist portions are effective to prevent leakage of the excrements flowing from the front sheet by permeation.

For the waist band, a use can be made of a hydrophobic non-woven fabric of thermoplastic synthetic fibers, an expandable non-woven fabric of urethans fibers or the like or a hydrophobic sheet formed by affixing an expandable non-woven fabric under tensioned or expanded condition to a usual non-woven fabric. Otherwise, an expandable non-woven fabric such as an urethane non-woven

fabric may be affixed under expanded condition between hydrophobic non-woven fabrics.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged cross-sectional view of the panty type throw-away disper along the line A-A of Fig. 2. As seen in Fig. 3, each waist band w is formed by folding double a hydrophobic sheet 8 which is separate from the front and back sheets 1 and 2 and adhering the expandable elastic bodies 5 and 6 inside the folded sheet 8. The lower end and upper and of the hydrophobic sheet 8 is adhered to the back sheet 2 and the front sheet 1, respectively.

The vaint band may be folded double as shown in Fig. 3 (i.e. as schematically shown in Fig. 5) or two hydrophobic sheets may be overlapped each other with the expandable elastic bodies 5 and 6 being interposed therebetween.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged cross-sectional view of the diaper along the line B-B of Fig. 2. showing the positions of the elastic bodies 4. 4.

In the illustrated embodiment, though a rubber thread is used as the expandable elastic body, a use can be made of also a thread-shaped or flat expandable elastic body of natural rubber, synthetic rubber or urethane rubber without being limited to a particular shape.

A method of producing the panty type throw-away diaper shown in Figs. 1 and 2 will now be described with referring to Fig. 7

A liquid impermeable back sheet 2 wound in a roll is pulled-out and the absorbing bodies 3 and the expandable

elastic bodies 4. 4 are sequentially adhered on the pulled-out back sheet 2 and then after having adhered the liquid permeable front sheets 1. the hydrophobic sheets 8. 8 on which the expandable elastic bodies 5 and 6 have been adhered are folded double and adhered on the front sheet 1 and back sheet 2 from the upper and lower sides to form the waist bands  $\underline{W}$ .

Thereafter, the portions on the opposite sides of the crotch portion where the legs are inserted or passed through are sequentially cut evay by die cutters as shown in Fig. 8A. However, when the front and back sides are symmetrical, the continuous body shown in Fig. 7 may be folded double about the longitudinal center line and cut by a die cutter. When the front side is narrower, the continuous body is to be cut in a desired shape without folding double.

Completed diapers shown in Fig. 8B are obtained by cutting along cutting lines the joining portions 7 formed by folding double and adhering by means of heat seals, adhesive double coated types or adhesives simultaneously with the die cutting.

The line for producing the panty type throw-away diaper according to the present invention as shown in Figs.

7. 8A and 8B brings about the following advantages because it runs laterally contrary to the conventional longitudinal run.

In order to enhance absorptivity, it was conventional to place a layer of highly water absorptive

polymer particles 10 inside the absorbing body as shown in In the longitudinal producing line of diapers, however, the highly water absorptive polymer particles were continuously dispersed in the longitudinal direction so that it was difficult to disperse concentratedly to the central portions in the crotch corresponding to the excremental position. In the present invention, it is possible to however. concentratedly to the central portion because the diapers are muoed laterally. Furthermore, as shown in Fig. 10. the length L2 through which the disperse is carried out (in the direction passing through the obdominal portion and the waist portion) may be any length and may be in any position relative to the length L, of the absorbing body. Fig. 11 shows an embodiment in which the absorptive fiber layer ll is made higher in the excremental position and the highly water absorptive particles are placed therein.

The highly water absorptive particles used in the present invention may be highly water absorptive polymer particles alone or other particle aggregation comprising a mixture of the highly water absorptive polymer particles and activated carbon, carboxymethylcellulose or zeolita.

Another embodiment of the present invention is shown in Figs. 12 and 13. In the embodiment of Fig. 12 which shows the embodiment in a plan view with a part being broken away, a used is made of a sandglass-shaped absorbing body 3 and expandable elastic bodies 13, 13 are provided on the upper surface of the back sheet 2 at the places where

the portions of the absorbing body close to its longitudinal opposite end portions contact. Fig. 13 is a cross-sectional view taken along the line A-A of Fig. 12.

By arranging the expandable elastic bodies 13, 13 on the back sheet 2 hear the longitudinal opposite end portions of the absorbing body 3 instead of the expandable elastic bodies of the waist bands for the waist and femux portions, there are brought about advantages that good fitness is provided around the lower portion of the waist region and around the femur region, leakage is prevented and slipping down of the diaper is prevented.

Fig. 16 is a partially broken away developed plan view of an embodiment in which hydrophobic sheets la are affined on the lateral opposite side flap portions of the from sheet 1 of the disper body in continuation therefrom and Fig. 15 is an enlarged cross-sectional view teken along the line B-B of Fig. 14. By providing by adhesion the hydrophobic sheets 14 on the lateral flap portions of the front sheet in continuation therefrom, leakage of the excrements by the permeation is prevented by the joining portion between the hydrophilic front sheet 1 and the hydrophobic sheets 14. contributing to prevention of leakage of the excrements. For such hydrophobic sheet, a use can be made of a hydrophobic non-woven fabric used in the waist bands or a sheet consisting of a hydrophobic nonwoven fabric and a moisture permeable film affixed together.

Fig. 16 is a partially broken away plan view of a

still further embodiment of the panty type throw-away diaper according to the present invention in which hydrophobic non-woven fabrics 14 are affixed to the lateral opposite side portions of the front sheet 1 continuously therefrom and the opposite end portions of the fabrics 14 are adhered to the back sheet 2 and the portions of the fabrics 14 closer to the absorbing body are adhered to the front sheet 1 in the portions on the opposite sides of the crotch portion so that the fabrics 14 are separated from the upper surface of the front sheet 1 at least in the crotch portion.

Fig. 17 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken along the line 8-8 of Fig. 16. The opposite end portions of the hydrophobic non-woven fabrics 14 are adhered to the back sheet 2 and the portions extended over the absorbing body wrap in the expandable elastic bodies 15, 15 arranged under expanded condition and are separated from the front sheet 1 to form gathered arising or standing portions 16.

16. Fig. 18 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken along the line C-C of Fig. 16. As shown therein the gathered standing portions 16 are adhered to the front sheet 1 by means of gather adhering portions 17 at the in the portions on the opposite sides of the crotch portion.

By forming gathered standing portion 16 at least in the crotch portion, this portion functions as a barrier for the excrements flowing from the front sheet 1 and the excrements are accommodated in a pocket 18 formed by the front sheet 1 and the gathered standing portion 16. Thus,

this embodiment brings about advantages that it provides good fitness to the human body by means of the vaist bands is and the expandable elastic bodies 5 and 6 and that the direct contact of the excrements with the human body is prevented by means of the gathered standing portions 16 formed in the crotch portion, avoiding uncomfortable feeling.

Furtheremore, there are brought about advantages that returning of the liquid excrements absorbed in the absorbing body 3 through the front sheet 1 and leakage of the encrements overflowing from the front sheet are prevented. Though the hydrophobic non-woven fabric is used in this embodiment, a use can be made of also a volatile-treated hydrophobic non-woven fabric or a sheet consisting of a hydrophobic non-woven fabric and a moisture permeable film affixed together.

(Advantages brought about by the invention)

According to the present invention, the following advantages are brought about.

(a) Air permeability is good and stuffiness is less because separate waist bands formed by air permeable material are provided at the longitudinal opposite end portions of a disper body.

Furthermore, since a plurality of expandable elastic bodies are provided in the upper and lower portions of the waist bands under the expanded condition, the diaper well fits around the waist and since the lower expandable elastic body functions simultaneously also for the femur

region so that by the effect combined with the expandable elastic body around the femur region, each opening becomes expandable, providing good fitness to the human body, easiness of insertion of the legs, prevention of slipping down of the disper during when it is worn and easiness of putting-off.

- (b) The leakage of the excrements due to permeation from the front sheet is prevented by the portions where the waist bands formed by hydrophobic sheet are connected to the longitudinal opposite end portions of the hydrophilic front sheet in continuation therefrom.
- to run laterally of the diapers for continuous production of the same. It becomes easier to place and assemble the back sheet, absorbing body, front sheet and waist bands and to adhere the joining portions and to die cut the crotch portion. Furthermore, since the producing line runs laterally of the diapers, it becomes possible to adjust distribution of highly water absorptive particles in the absorbing body in the lateral direction to the diaper and to disperse the highly water absorptive particles concentratedly to the central portion of the crotch portion.

Furthermore, the diapers are moved laterally during producing, the central portion of the absorbing body may be made thicker to increase absorbing capacity.

- elastic bodies of the waist bands, expandable elastic bodies on the back sheet at the places where the portions of the absorbing body close to its longitudinal opposite end portions contact, there are brought about advantages that in cooperation with the expandable elastic bodies for the crotch gather a good fitness is provided around the lower portion of the waist region and femur, that the leakage is prevented and that slipping down of the diaper is prevented.
- (e) By adhering hydrophobic non-woven fabrics on the lateral oppsite side flap portions continuously therefrom, leakage of the excrements by permeation from the front sheet is prevented by means of the joining portion between the hydrophilic front sheet and hydrophobic sheet.
- opposite side flap portions of the front sheet continuously therefrom and securing on the back sheet the portions of the hydrophobic sheets closer to the flap ends whereas attaching expandable elastic bodies under the supanded condition to a portion of said hydrophobic sheets extended over the absorbing body and by joining together the hydrophobic sheet and the front sheet on the opposite sides of the longitudinal crotch portion, there are formed gathered standing portions in the hydrophobic sheets in the crotch portion acting as barriers for the excrements overflowing from the front sheet and the excrements are accommodated in the pockets formed by the front sheet and

said gathered standing portions so that the excrements are prevented from direct contact with the human body and uncomfortableness is obviated.

Furtheremore, since the hydrophobic sheets are adhered continuously with the lateral side portions of the front sheet, returning of liquid excrements once absorbed by the absorbing body and leaking of the excrements overflowing from the front sheet are prevented.

As described above, the panty type throw-away diaper is superior, having expandability, air permeability, good wearing comfortableness and easiness of putting-on/off.

4. Brief explanation of the invention.

Fig. 1 shows in a perspective view a completed panty type throw-sway disper according to the present invention,

Fig. 2 is a developed plan view of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken along the line A-A of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken along the line B-B of Fig. 2.

Fig. 5 is a schematical View of a waist band,

Fig. 6 is a schematical view of another waist band different from the one of Fig. 5.

Figs. 7. 8A and 8B are plan views showing a production line of the panty type throw-away disper according to the present invention.

Fig. 9 is a perspective view of an absorbing body showing highly absorptive particles placed in the absorbing body.

Fig. 10 is a plan view of the absorbing body showing the distance over which the highly absorptive particles are dispersed.

Fig. 11 is a perspective view of an absorbing body in which the central portion is made thicker,

rig. 12 is a partially broken away developed plan view of a panty type throw-away diaper chowing another manner of arrangement of expandable elastic bodies,

Fig. 13 is a cross-sectional view taken along the line B-B of Fig. 12.

Fig. 16 is a partially broken away developmed plan view of another embodiment of the present invention.

Fig. 15 is an enlarged cross-sectional view along the line 8-8 of Fig. 14.

Fig. 16 is a partially broken away developed plan view of another embodiment of the present invention,

Fig. 17 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken along the line 8-8 of Fig. 16, and

Fig. 18 is an enlarged cross-sectional view along the line C-C of Fig. 16.

In the drawings.

1 ... front sheet

2 ... back sheet

3 ... mbsorbing body

4,5,6 ... expandable elastic body

7 ... joining portion

- 8 ... hydrophobic sheet
- 9 ... cutting line
- 10 ... die cut portion
- 11 ... absorptive fiber layer
- 12 ... absorptive sheet
- 13 ... expandable elastic body
- 14 ... hydrophobic non-woven fabric
- 15 ... expandable elastic body
- 16 ... gathered standing portion
- 17 ... gather adhering portion
- 18 ... pocket